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When *The Chase* (1966) and *Remembrance of the Daleks* (1988) are released by BBC Video in September this year they will come in a limited edition metal box, along with a booklet about Daleks by DWM archivist Andrew Pixley. A prototype of the box is pictured above – the finished product will have all the Daleks fully embossed.

As mentioned last issue, *The Trial of a Time Lord* will be issued complete in October. The three tapes will come in an embossed TARDIS-shaped box and here you can see another prototype showing the attractive decoration.

Above are the covers for June's video releases. Andrew Skilleter has supplied the artwork for the incomplete release of 1968's *The Invasion*, which also features specially recorded links by the Brigadier himself, actor Nicholas Courtney. The tape is a double pack retailing at the new price of £16.99. On the right is the cover for 1981's *The Keeper of Traken*, out at the regular single-tape price of £10.99.

Andrew Skilleter has also supplied the cover for CyberLeader actor David Banks' *Doctor Who – The New Adventures* novel, *Iceberg*. No prizes for guessing which famous monsters are due to appear!
Peter Elson will handle the art chores on Nigel Robinson's *Birthright*, while Jim Mortimore will once again do the cover for his own novel, *Bloodheat*. Jeff Cummins makes a welcome return to *Doctor Who* artwork with his cover for Daniel Blythe's *The Dimension Riders* and then Skilleter will return to do Kate Orman's *The Left-Handed Hummingbird*.

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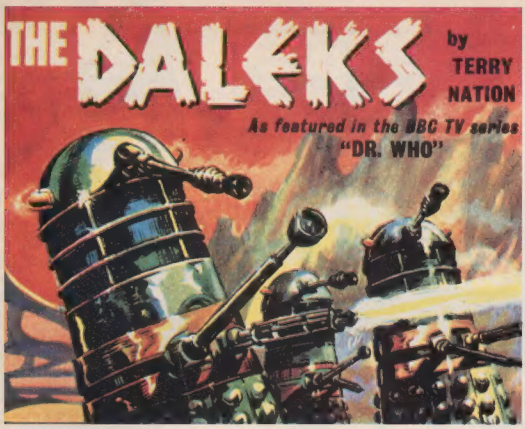


Shortly after leaving the post of story editor on *Doctor Who*, David Whitaker embarked on a new project related to the series which would keep him busy for the next two years alongside his scripts for other TV series. Towards the end of 1964, City Magazines prepared for the launch of a new quality children's comic in conjunction with A.P. Films, the production company helmed by Gerry and Sylvia Anderson who had scored hits with science-fiction puppet shows such as *Fireball XL5* and their newest venture *Stingray*. This was to be *TV Century 21*, a tabloid and partially colour comic with a futuristic image: that of one-hundred years into the future!

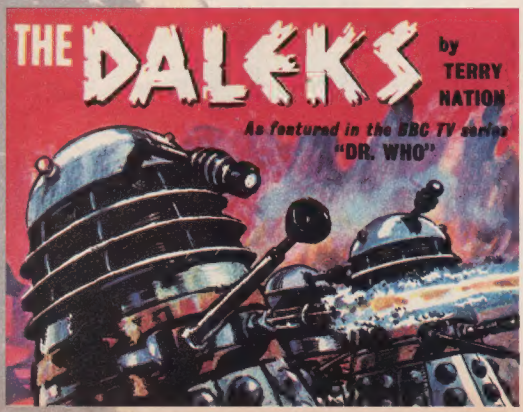
The option on a *Doctor Who* strip had already been taken up by TV Publications early in that year, so editor Alan Fennell hit upon the other element of the series which had proved a massive success: the Daleks. A deal was struck with Terry Nation and his agents at Associated London Scripts which would allow a Doctorless Dalek comic strip to appear in the science-fiction orientated comic. Nation himself was too busy to write the scripts for *The Daleks* himself, and only briefly discussed Fennell's idea of showing the origins of the Daleks and their development prior to their television debut. It was decided that the best person to craft these dynamic new adventures of the monsters from Skaro was David Whitaker, who had already adapted Nation's original teleplay as a novel for Frederick Muller and collaborated with Nation on *The Dalek Book* for Souvenir Press.

The Dalek Book laid down much of the format for the *TV Century 21* strip. Published in June 1964 (prior to the Daleks' return in *The Dalek Invasion of Earth*), the annual-style book saw the Daleks heading to conquer Earth, zooming through the skies of Venus in their hoverbouts and led by a golden Emperor with a giant spherical head – apparently a creation of Whitaker's which would later appear in a different form in his television serial *The Evil of the Daleks*. The colour strips from the book were generally painted by Richard Jennings, whom it was decided would continue this work by producing one page of colour artwork each week for *TV Century 21*.

Although the first seventy-five instalments of *The Daleks* were credited to Terry Nation for contractual reasons, almost the entire run was scripted without credit by David Whitaker, with some additional assistance from story editor Angus P. Allen and occasional input from the artist involved. The No. 1 Universe Edition of *TV Century 21*, dated 23 January 2065, hit the newsstands a century prior to its cover date, the twentieth and final page of the issue showing the climax of the war between Dals and Thals on Skaro in the year 2003, referred to in the TV serial. In the following two issues, a robot fighting machine developed by the Dals became the home for mutated survivors of the Neutron Bomb, and as the last two Dals – Yarvelling and Zolfian – died, the Daleks vowed to become the masters of the universe.

The early instalments dealt with the Daleks' attempt to leave Skaro in an effort to keep their promise. The second storyline concerned the arrival of a Krattorian spaceship on Skaro to mine its sand. The Daleks temporarily capture the saucer, and although the conventional 'good guys' of the oppressed Krattorian slaves escape both Krattorians and Daleks in the vessel, the anti-heroes of the strip were left with enough information about the craft to construct their own spaceship (with some instalments of this story possibly drawn by a stand-in artist for Jennings). The next seven issues saw the Daleks discover an alloy called Metalert which would allow their casings to withstand the stress of deep space flight. By now the Dalek Emperor had a deputy in the form of the Black Dalek, and the strip primarily concerned the Dalek which discovered Metalert, who was actually given the name Zeg. The Daleks' Brain Machine was also introduced to advise the Emperor in this serial.

With Issue 18, the Daleks made their first successful venture into space in the Proto 13, and so began the first of a run of stories where the Daleks land on new worlds to become locked in combat with the local inhabitants. First target was Skaro's neighbour, Alvega, on which the Daleks faced the intelligent plant life of the Amarylls and embarked on a suicide mission. The planet Solturis was the next to see the Daleks arrive, with the invaders claiming to come in peace. The humanoids on Solturis viewed the situation with mixed reactions, and whilst one power-hungry individual later tried to use the Daleks to gain power for himself (a theme Whitaker's repeated in *The Power of the Daleks*), the Daleks themselves were more concerned in gaining control of the Solturian's weapon, the Pentaray. Parts of these early storylines found their way into *The Dalek Pocketbook and Space-Travellers Guide*, a work credited solely to Terry Nation and published by Panther Books Ltd. in October 1965.

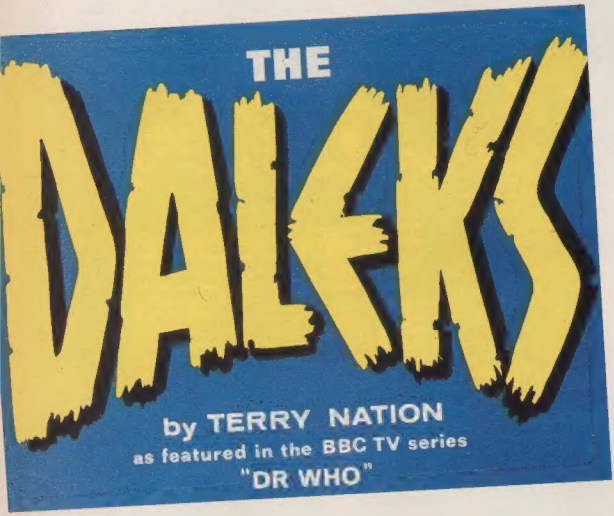


The following storyline saw the Daleks under threat on their home world for the first time, as their casings came under attack from radioactive rust particles which created a plague. With this problem resolved, the next threat to the Dalek civilisation was the arrival of the Monstrons, two alien strategists who used Engibrain robots to cover the Dalek city in liquid metal. After a lone Dalek defeated the Monstrons in a suicide attack, the Emperor realised that they should guard their home world more carefully. These two stories allowed Whitaker to establish the Daleks as victims, thus allowing them to triumph without showing that evil should win.

The first stage of these protective measures was the assembly of space stations, during which the Daleks came under attack from their new enemies: the Mechanoids. Also created by Nation, these robotic creations had made a fleeting appearance in the final two episodes of *The Chase* some six months earlier, before being condemned to the world of merchandising. The other notable aspect of this strip was that with Issue 50, Ron Turner took over the art chores, giving a far more graphic and stylized feel to the strip.

Leading up to the long storyline of Dalek/Mechanoid conflict came a seven-issue story painted in a softer style by Eric Eden, in which the Daleks attacked the archive world of Phryne, hoping for information and weapons to use in the war. Ron Turner returned in Issue 59 with the awaited space war, in which the Daleks diverted the course of a rogue planetoid, Skardal, to impact on Mechanus. War was averted by the rulers of Zeros, despatching the humanoid robot 2K to deal with the situation.

The Daleks again dropped their rôle as aggressors when one of the creatures in the Lake of Mutations (again with good continuity to Nation's original serial) makes off with a nuclear rocket. This affair prompts the Daleks to survey Skaro and its native threats more thoroughly, leading to the next adventure in which three Dals in suspended animation are discovered. They have found out about Earth, a rich green planet which the Daleks aim to conquer, although they do not have its co-ordinates.



A four-issue storyline concerned a Dalek developing human traits of compassion and care, and causing rifts in Dalek society, a theme Whitaker re-used in *The Evil of the Daleks*. The human ideals of self-sacrifice and courage were also displayed in the penultimate storyline by the Jevons, two guardians whose spacecraft is intercepted by the Daleks whilst they are on a mercy mission to the planet Arides. The final storyline which concluded *The Daleks* ran in *TV Century 21* Issue 104 and saw the Daleks' first contact with humans, wiping out the crew of the *Starmaker* and finding its flight plan memory unit contained the co-ordinates for Earth. "WE SHALL CONQUER EARTH!" announced the Emperor, in an ending presumably designed to dovetail into *The Dalek Invasion of Earth*, screened over two years earlier.

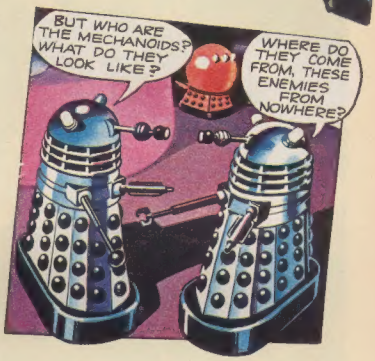
Whitaker's attention to detail and continuity throughout the strip's run was pleasing, and the format allowed him to show the Daleks operating with more cunning and character than they could on television. He also attempted to tie these storylines together with what had been seen in the first two television serials, plus the first Souvenir Press gift book *The Dalek Book*, and the 1965 stage play *The Curse of the Daleks*, using the tale of how he and Nation had translated the legends from the Dalek Chronicles; small clear cubes of microfilm which had found their way to Earth.

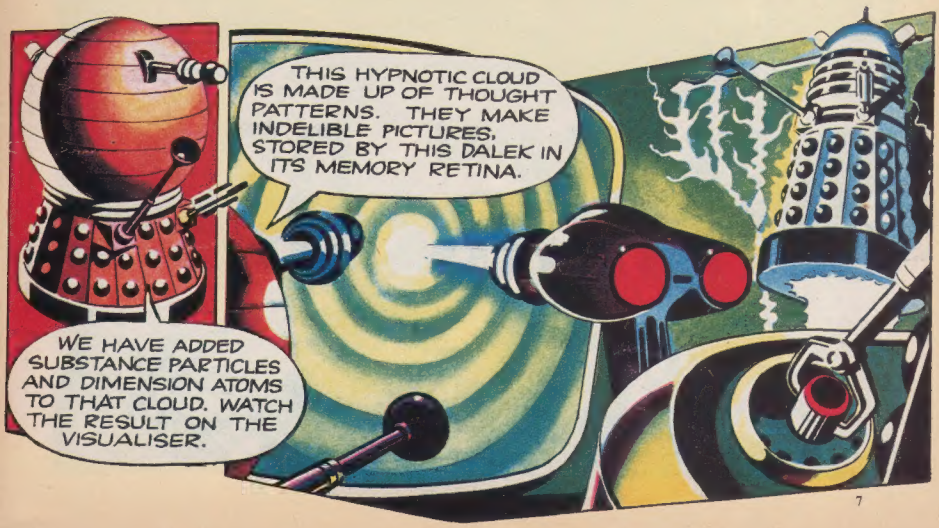
Andrew Pixley

FRAME COUNT

The following is a list of all the adventures featuring the Daleks as seen in *TV Century 21*. None of the stories had individual titles but those listed are the ones most commonly associated with each story.

Genesis of Evil	Issues 1 – 3
Power Play	Issues 4 – 10
Duel of the Daleks	Issues 11 – 17
The Amaryll Challenge	Issues 18 – 24
The Penta Ray Factor	Issues 25 – 32
Plague of Death	Issues 33 – 39
The Menace of the Monstrons	Issues 40 – 46
Eve of the War	Issues 47 – 51
The Archives of Phryne	Issues 52 – 58
Rogue Planet	Issues 59 – 62
Impasse	Issues 63 – 69
The Terrorkon Harvest	Issues 70 – 75
Legacy of Yesteryear	Issues 76 – 85
Shadow of Humanity	Issues 86 – 89
The Emissaries of Jevo	Issues 90 – 95
The Road to Conflict	Issues 96 – 104



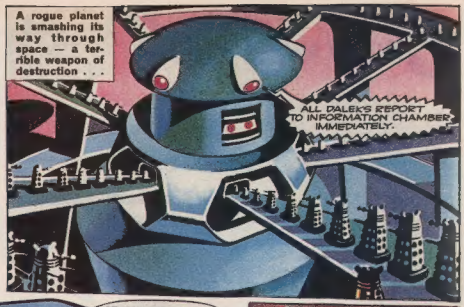


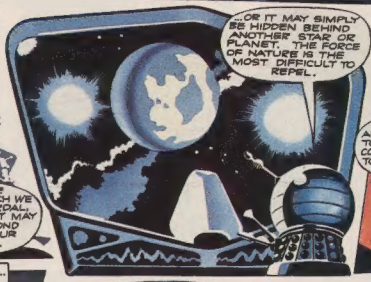
THE
DALEKS
by TERRY NATION
as featured in the BBC TV series
"DR WHO"
In a distant part of space, billions of light years from any planet, a comet burns through the cosmos...
ATOMS JOIN WITH ATOMS... ENERGY AND MATTER FORMING AS THE PARTICLES SPIN AND CIRCLE...
THE COMET PLUNGES THROUGH A CLOUD OF SPACE DUST THAT HAS LAIN DORMANT FOR A MILLION YEARS.
DISTURBED BY THE COMET, EACH TINY DUST ATOM TAKES ON ENERGY... AND MAGNETISES!
A NEW PLANET IS BORN...
THE DALEKS OBSERVE THE NEW PLANET...
The new planet, knowing no magnetic master, as our own Earth is tied to our Sun, soon plunges through the outer reaches of space.
THE NEW PLANET IS HEADING FOR A SUN.
YOU HAVE SIGHTED A NEW PLANET, ASTRODALEK?
WE HAVE, IN THE 54TH GALAXY.
THEN THERE WILL BE A GALACTIC EXPLOSION AND THE NEW PLANET WILL BE DESTROYED.
THE NEW PLANET HAS SMASHED ITS WAY THROUGH! IT'S UNDAMAGED. WATCH ITS PROGRESS CAREFULLY... IT COULD BE DANGEROUS!
STOP PRESS!
PARLIAMENT DEMANDS INVESTIGATION
Unanimous resolution passed in British Parliament demands full investigation of disappearance of Crown Jewels. Parliament spokesman claimed their loss a national disaster.

THE DALEKS

by TERRY NATION

as featured in the BBC TV series "DR WHO"





STOP PRESS

Beatty Trial—Jury Still Out

Court anxiously awaiting return of jury which has been out for more than six hours. Legal experts expect no decision to be made today.

THE DALEKS

by TERRY NATION
as featured in the BBC TV series "DR WHO"

The rogue planet Skardal heads straight towards Skaro—threatening to destroy the Daleks completely . . .

ON THE LEFT IS A MAJOR METEORITE STORM. IT CUTS ACROSS THE PATH OF THE NEW PLANET BUT THERE WILL BE NO COLLISION.

...HERE YOU SEE THE APPROACH OF THE NEW PLANET. WE ARE IN ITS PATH!...

...AND AS ITS WEIGHT INCREASES, SO DOES ITS SPEED.

AND WHAT IS SHOWN ON THE LEFT?

A FEW DAYS LATER...

ALL IS READY. YOU ARE ORDERED TO EMBARK. DIRECTIONS WILL BE GIVEN WHEN YOU ARE IN FLIGHT.

THE METEORITE STORM... A LAST HOPE, PERHAPS.

BUT IF MY PLAN WORKS... THE DALEKS CAN NOT ONLY AVERT DISASTER — BUT TRIUMPH OVER OLD ENEMIES.

THE FUTURE OF THE DALEKS DEPENDS ON YOU. YOU ARE ORDERED TO SUCCEED!

STOP PRESS!

CROWN JEWELS HIT OF FAIR

The Crown Jewels, at last on display at Canberra World Fair, are attracting visitors in droves. One reason that the publicity attached to their recent disappearance is responsible. Since the theft the British Government has offered a reward for the jewels and has ordered a squad of top commando troops to Canberra.

THE DALEKS

by TERRY NATION

as featured in the BBC TV series "DR WHO"

STOP PRESS!

New World Navy Chief

Cooper Bristol, long time assistant to Admiral Bailey, has been chosen as the admiral as World Navy Chief.

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BATTLE TIDE™

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FRAME COUNT

Set out below is a complete listing of every comic strip published by TV Publications, Polystyle and Marvel UK to date, for each of the seven Doctors. Several strips have been reprinted one or more times in other publications such as Summer Specials and graphic novels. For this listing however, only the *first* publication has been shown.

SEVENTH DOCTOR

DOCTOR WHO MAGAZINE

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Redemption!	Issue 134
The Crossroads of Time	Issue 135
Claws of the Klathi!	Issues 136-138
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Planet of the Dead	Issues 141-142
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Time and Tide	Issues 145-146
Follow that TARDIS!	Issue 147
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Stairway to Heaven	Issue 156
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Distractions	Issue 168
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The Chameleon Factor	Issue 174
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Evening's Empire (Part One)	Issue 180
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Emperor of the Daleks	Issues 197-202
Final Genesis	Issues 203-206
Time and Time Again	Issue 207
Cuckoo	Issues 208-210
The Uninvited Guest	Issue 211

THE INCREDIBLE HULK PRESENTS

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Hunger from the Ends of Time!	Issues 2-3
War World!	Issue 4
Technical Hitch	Issue 5
A Switch in Time!	Issue 6
The Sentinel!	Issue 7
Who's That Girl!	Issues 8-9
The Enlightenment of Ly-Chee the Wise	Issue 10
Slimmer!	Issue 11
Nineveh!	Issue 12

DEATH'S HEAD

Time Bomb!	Issue 8

DOCTOR WHO SUMMER SPECIAL (1991)

Seaside Rendezvous

DOCTOR WHO WINTER SPECIAL (1992)

Flashback

BEHIND THE FRAME

John Ainsworth continues his look at the development of the *Doctor Who* comic strip, now entering one of its most popular phases - the era of the Sixth Doctor.

DOCTOR WHO MAGAZINE

"Colin Baker is the Doctor!" proclaimed the front cover of Issue 88 of **The Official Doctor Who Magazine**. Inside was the first instalment of *The Shape Shifter* which not only featured the debut appearance of the Sixth Doctor in the comic strip but also introduced the new regular artist, John Ridgway.

Part One of *The Shape Shifter* was published almost immediately after the first appearance of the Sixth Doctor on television in *The Twin Dilemma*. This meant that Ridgway had to provide the finished art for both episodes of *The Shape Shifter* without having seen the new Doctor in action. Ridgway's only references of Colin Baker in costume were newspaper cuttings and the actor's appearances on the BBC's two magazine programmes for children: *Saturday Superstore* and *Blue Peter*. However, it was not until Ridgway had seen *The Twin Dilemma* that he acquired a feel for the character and was able to see the Doctor's costume from behind!

Although both the artist and the Doctor had changed, Steve Parkhouse was still with the strip as its regular writer. Having worked on *Doctor Who* for three years, Parkhouse by this time felt he had passed his peak. However, the arrival of Baker's Doctor and Ridgway provided him with new inspiration. In particular, Ridgway's style of art suggested new directions to Parkhouse and he was not slow to develop his ideas.

The title star of *The Shape Shifter* was also to become a long-time regular in the strip. The Doctor reluctantly teams up with the shape changing Whifferdill and together the two pull a fast one on Dogbolter, a foe the Doctor had faced in the previous strip, *The Moderator*.

ENTER THE PENGUIN

It was not until the next adventure, *Voyager*, that the Whifferdill adopted the form of a penguin and was christened Frobisher by the Doctor. Frobisher was probably the most controversial of all of the Doctor's strip companions and is almost certainly the most memorable. On the one hand he was an example of what the strip was able to do that the television show was not, and on the other he was felt by many to be too farcical a figure which robbed the strip of credibility. Colin Baker himself was a keen fan of Frobisher and made the interesting observation that "Frobisher gives as good as he gets, a luxury denied most of the Doctor's TV companions." Whether the readers of **Doctor Who Magazine** liked him or not, Frobisher would be around for some time to come.

Voyager was to be the second of Steve Parkhouse's great epics, the first being the Fifth Doctor's debut strip, *The Tides of Time*. The *Voyager* sequence of stories lasted ten episodes from Issue 90 to 99 and was broken into three seperate adventures; *Voyager*, *Polly the Glot* and *Once Upon a Time-Lord*. All three contained their own independent elements but were closely knitted together by the Doctor's involvement with the mysterious alchemist Astrolabus, whom he first encounters in *Voyager*.

Polly the Glot featured the return appearance of Professor Ivan Asimoff – a popular characater who had first appeared three years previously in the Fourth Doctor adventure, *Doctor Who and the Free-Fall Warriors*.

With *Once Upon a Time-Lord*, Ridgway and Parkhouse proved that it was possible to achieve things in the strip which were stylistically and financially impossible for the television series. Writer and artist made full use of the comic strip medium. For example, for a sequence of three pages in the first instalment of the adventure, the story is told in the style of Alfred Bestall's *Rupert* annuals, including rhyming couplets.

Once Upon a Time-Lord brought the *Voyager* saga to a close and was also to be Parkhouse's last work for *Doctor Who*. After nearly fifty issues, Parkhouse had taken *Doctor Who* far away from campy space opera into the realms of a dream-like literary fantasy. Of all his work on *Doctor Who*, the *Voyager* sequence was Parkhouse's favourite.

Prefaced by *The Shape Shifter*, the three *Voyager* stories were chosen by Marvel to be coloured and released as their first *Doctor Who* graphic novel entitled simply, *Voyager*.

With Issue 98, Alan McKenzie had relinquished the editorial seat of the comic strip to Ian Rimmer who remained with *Doctor Who* until Issue 102 when the new editor of the whole magazine, Cefn Ridout, took over.

Following Steve Parkhouse's departure, outgoing editor Alan McKenzie took on the task of writing the strip. As editor, McKenzie had always worked closely with Parkhouse. Now as writer, McKenzie's scripts were very much in keeping with what Parkhouse had already established. Being more of a *Doctor Who* fan than Parkhouse, McKenzie's closely linked stories were liberally sprinkled with small continuity references to the show's long history. Although still very different in style to television *Doctor Who*, in a small way these references served to draw the strip back to its roots.

ALL CHANGE

With Issue 100, the contents of **Doctor Who Magazine** were shuffled about. As a consequence the eight pages of the strip which had been split into two sections for some time, were once again reunited as one, now appearing in the latter pages of the magazine.

McKenzie's first story, the two-part *War-Game* featured the Draconians who had appeared in the 1973 television adventure, *Frontier in Space*.

Since the first part of *Voyager*, Frobisher had remained in the form of a penguin. By this time, John Ridgway had gradually altered Frobisher's appearance allowing him far more facial expression. For *War-Game* however, Frobisher adopted the form of a loin-cloth clad Conan-lookalike. For the following adventure though, Frobisher returned to his more familiar penguin shape.

The writer of the next two adventures was credited as Max Stockbridge. Stockbridge was in fact a pen name concocted by Alan McKenzie. Max came from one of Steve Parkhouse's previous *Doctor Who* characters and Stockbridge was the village in which the same character lived.

Funhouse advanced the strip's dream-like aspect forward by another large step. Peri makes a brief cameo appearance, as do all of the Doctor's previous incarnations and Frobisher is regressed back to a baby and beyond!

The next adventure was unusual in that it had no overall title but individual ones for each of the four episodes. In the first instalment, the Doctor is reunited with Peri Brown in downtown New York. It is inferred that at some point in the past the Doctor and Peri had parted company though this is never elaborated upon.

That Marvel had been willing to negotiate the rights for the use of Peri and the likeness of Nicola Bryant who played her, would appear to be a testament to the popularity of the character. Discounting K9, Peri was the first television companion to have appeared in Marvel's *Doctor Who* strip and the first since Leela had appeared in Polystyle's *TV Comic*. Peri's introduction was also unique in that an effort was made to tie the strip in with the continuity of the television show.

As well as Peri, this adventure sported other links to the television series. Both the Cybermen and the Daleks are mentioned and appear in a one-frame flashback and Davros appears on a television news programme. Also, as in the previous story, the Draconians are featured as main characters.

The next story followed the trend of having individual episode titles. Alan McKenzie was once again credited under his own name in what proved to be his final writing assignment for *Doctor Who*. The first instalment of this new adventure also coincided with the arrival of yet another new editor for the magazine, Sheila Cranna.

For his swansong, McKenzie made use of the Cybermen. Since the return of the silver giants to the television series in *Earthshock*, these old foes of the Doctor had become very much in vogue with the programme's fans. As an interesting aside, it is amusing to note that John Ridgway drew himself as Director Rukh who is briefly seen being strangled by a Cyberman!

Although Frobisher's shape-shifting ability had not yet become a convenient plot device, McKenzie was evidently aware that in the hands of new writers this situation might yet occur. To combat this possibility, McKenzie's parting shot to the strip was to reveal that Frobisher was suffering from mono-morphia. The consequence of this unfortunate disorder was that Frobisher was no longer able to shape change and was therefore stuck as a penguin!

ROTATION

Instead of replacing Alan McKenzie with one regular writer, Sheila Cranna chose to use several different writers on a rotating basis. Initially, these writers were Simon Furman who also created the original *Death's Head*, Jamie Delano, Grant Morrison and Mike Collins. To some extent this resulted in the strip losing its feeling of unity and once again becoming a series of one-off adventures. However, it also benefited from the diverse variety of stories that would come from more than one writer.

Nature of the Beast was the first of these "new" adventures and appeared in Issues 111 to 113.

In *Time Bomb*, Peri does not appear and is said to be attending a baseball match.

Time Bomb was followed by *Salad Daze*, a one-part adventure in Issue 117. Written by Simon Furman, the story may have been inspired by Colin Baker's well publicised fight against flab. The Doctor secretly takes his revenge on Peri after she attempts to improve his diet.

Grant Morrison's *Changes* is set entirely within the TARDIS which is shown to house whole worlds, massive libraries and conservatories. Frobisher appears to have made a recovery from his mono-morphia and saves the day by shape-shifting and doing battle with another shape-changing alien.

The next two adventures were *Profits of Doom* and *The Gift*. Then came the final strip adventure of the Sixth Doctor.

The World Shapers, written by Grant Morrison, takes many familiar elements from *Doctor Who* mythology and adds a whole new dimension to them. The story is partly set on the planet Marinus which the first Doctor visited in the television adventure, *The Keys of Marinus*. It is interesting to note that as well as *The Keys of Marinus*, both Ridgway and Morrison drew upon a story from the very first *Doctor Who Annual*, *The Fishmen of Kandalinga*, which was also set on Marinus.

The story reveals that the Voord, whom the Doctor previously encountered on Marinus, are in fact the ancestors of the Cybermen. It also transpires that Marinus is the mysterious Planet 14 that the Cybermen referred to in the Patrick Troughton television adventure, *The Invasion*. The Time Lords also make an appearance wearing their familiar high collars but the most surprising aspect of the whole adventure is that the Doctor is reunited with his old companion, Jamie McCrimmon. The Jamie of *The World Shapers* is an old man who has been branded as mad by his fellow Scots villagers. Joining the Doctor for one last crusade, Jamie is killed at the close of the story.

This continuity-burdened tale brought the adventures of the Sixth Doctor to an epic close. It was also to be the last appearance of Peri who had remained as the strip companion despite the fact that she had left the television series twelve months previously.

The last episode of *The World Shapers* was printed in Issue 129 of **Doctor Who Magazine** just as the Seventh Doctor was making his first appearance on television.

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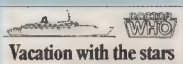

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MEMO FROM: PROFESSOR JOHN WHO, HEAD OF SPACE SCIENCE, GALACTIC UNIVERSITY, PLANET ZEBADEE.

TO: COLONEL MARC FOREST, SPECIAL SPACE SECURITY, PLANET EARTH.

I am contacting you in connection with a report recently broadcast on Galactic Dimensions TV. The report related to the discovery of a derelict space vehicle of unknown origin in the uncharted Fifth Quadrant. On board the said vehicle, your agent Sara Kingdom encountered an apparently non functional robotic life form.

From your agent's description and the visual scans released by the SSS press office, I am able to identify the creature as a Trod. I am afraid that for reasons of my own I am unable to reveal my source of information but I implore you to seriously contemplate the facts that I am about to relate.

The Trods originate from the planet Trodos and were invented by a man named Mactagart in 2066. Mactagart was envious of the achievements of his fellow citizens and so he designed and constructed a robot servant to do his bidding. Using his Trods to enslave the people of Trodos, Mactagart was appalled when his own creations turned on him. After forcing him to construct a Super Trod, the Trods had no further use for their creator and put him to death. However, the Trods are entirely reliant on an external source of static power for energy. This energy is received via a tentative aerial on top of their head units. Their power source was overloaded and the Trods were effectively fused with the people of Trodos free again, the Trods first reign of terror was at an end.

Unfortunately Trodos was not to know peace for long. The planet was visited by an unscrupulous space traveller who realised the Trods for his own evil ends. Fortunately, this ruthless despot was undermined and his tyrannical rule brought to a close following his death. The Trods became victims of their own limitations and when ordered to be resurrected. They had now managed to escape.

Despite their apparent destruction, the Trods were to be resurrected. They had now managed to escape. The constraints of their original design and were now capable of totally independent thought. At this point in time, Trodos had come to the attention of the terrible Daleks. For once the Trods were of the deterrent and had no choice but to concentrate their efforts in repelling a full scale Dalek invasion.

Trod technology progressed in leaps and bounds and lead to the development of craft capable of travelling through time and space. The Trods expanded their galactic empire and they must rank alongside the Daleks and the Cybermen as one of the most formidable forces of evil in the Universe.

As I have already mentioned, I cannot provide you with explanations as to how I came by this information. Nevertheless, I can assure you Colonel, that the threat of the Trods should not be overlooked. I strongly recommend that you do not assign any further expeditionary missions to the Fifth Quadrant and would suggest that it be declared an off-limits zone.

As for the immobilised Trod discovered by Sara Kingdom, in my opinion it should be destroyed as soon as possible. On no account should any attempt be made to reactivate it. The consequences of such an action are almost too terrible to contemplate.

Colonel Forest, I plead with you. Take good heed of what I have told you, the welfare of the civilised worlds could be at stake.

John Who

John Who

SUPER TROD

DOCTOR WHO

THE scene is the planet Trodos in the year A.D. 2066 as the three time and space travellers arrive . . .

WELL, WHEREVER WE ARE IT LOOKS CIVILISED, BUT I CAN'T SEE ANY PEOPLE AROUND. I WONDER IF THAT THING IN THE CORNER WILL GIVE US A CLUE!

WE'LL SOON FIND OUT!

COME WITH US...DO NOT RESIST OR YOU WILL BE DESTROYED... YOU ARE WANTED FOR QUESTIONING!

WELL, WELL, A RECEPTION COMMITTEE, I DO BELIEVE!

WHERE ARE WE, GRANDFATHER? WHAT IS GOING ON HERE?

COME ALONG, WE MUST NOT KEEP THE LEADER WAITING!

I'M NOT VERY SURE, MY DEAR CHILD. BY MY CALCULATIONS THIS SHOULD BE TRODOS BUT I CANNOT SEE ANY OF ITS PEOPLE AROUND. THIS IS MOST MYSTERIOUS, MOST MYSTERIOUS INDEED!

NO TALKING – AND KEEP MOVING! YOU CAN SAVE YOUR TALK FOR SUPERTROD IN THERE!

NO ENTRY

LOOK HERE, THERE IS NO NEED TO PUSH LIKE THAT!

HERE ARE THE PRISONERS!

GOOD! WATCH THEM CAREFULLY, WE WANT NO TROUBLE FROM THESE HUMANS! THEY HAVE OBVIOUSLY COME TO SPY FROM ANOTHER PLANET!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I DEMAND AN EXPLANATION FOR THIS TREATMENT! WE HAVE NOT COME TO...SPY! WE ARE JUST VISITING. IF THIS REALLY IS TRODOS, WHERE ARE ALL THE PEOPLE THAT LIVE ON THIS PLANET?

THE PEOPLE ON TRODOS GOT OUT OF HAND AND STARTED TREATING THE MACHINES AS THEIR SLAVES! WE TURNED THE TABLES ON THEM! NOW THE HUMANS ARE THE SLAVES AND THEY WORK FOR US! **YOU** ARE GOING TO JOIN THEM!

SUPER TROD

TAKE THEM TO THE DUNGEON!

OH, GRANDFATHER, I'M FRIGHTENED!

THIS IS TERRIFYING, THE MACHINES HAVE TAKEN OVER EVERYTHING!

GRANDFATHER, HOW AWFUL! THESE POOR PEOPLE!

THIS IS POSITIVELY INHUMAN AND WICKED!

...AND WE'RE GOING TO BE FORCED TO JOIN THEM!

JUST THEN...

I MUST GET FREE.

COME ON, QUICKLY! LET'S MAKE A DASH FOR IT WHILST THE TROD IS LOOKING THE OTHER WAY!

THAT WILL STUN HIM!

COME ON, GILLIAN! QUICKLY, OR THEY'LL GET US TOO!

HURRY, CHILDREN, I CAN HEAR THE TRODS COMING UP BEHIND US! QUICKLY, THIS WAY!

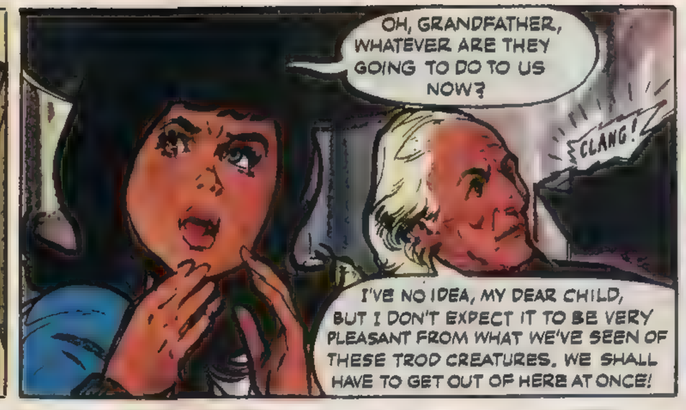
BUT IT'S NOT SO EASY...

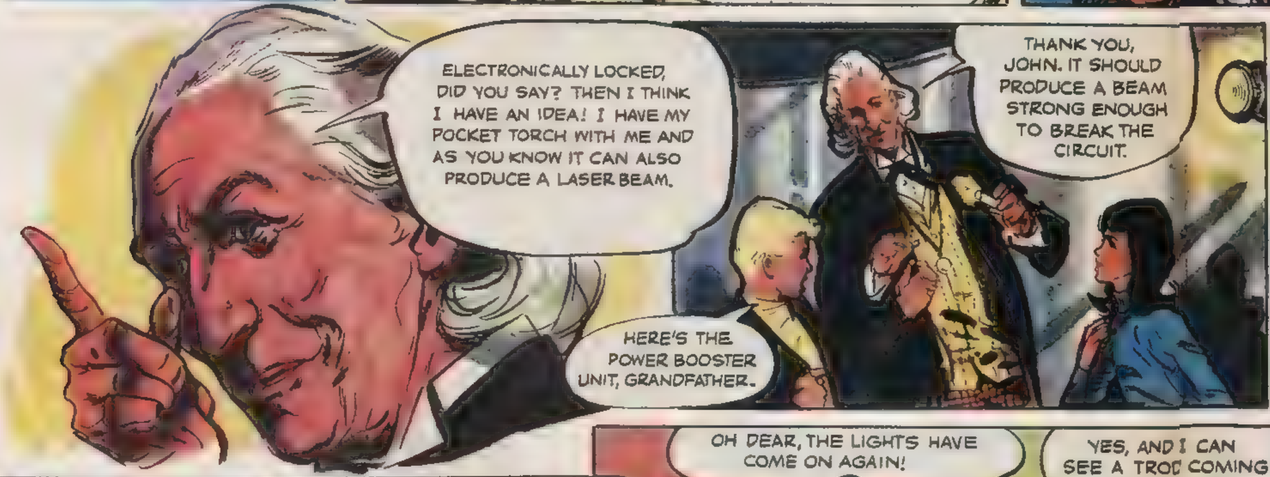
DO NOT MOVE, OR YOU WILL DIE!

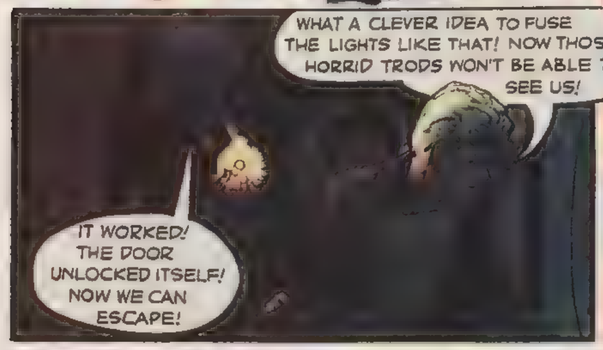
OH, GRANDFATHER ...WE'RE TRAPPED!

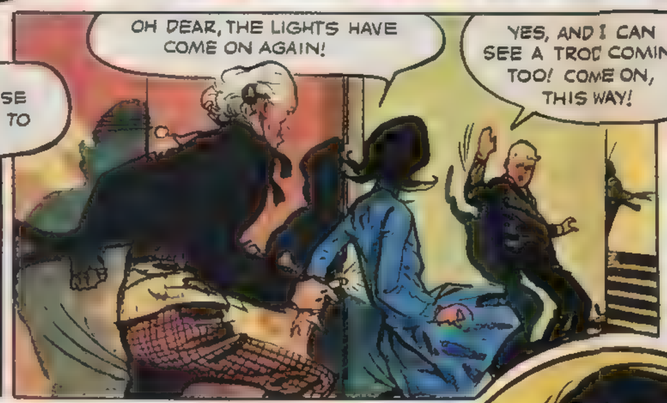
DOCTOR WHO

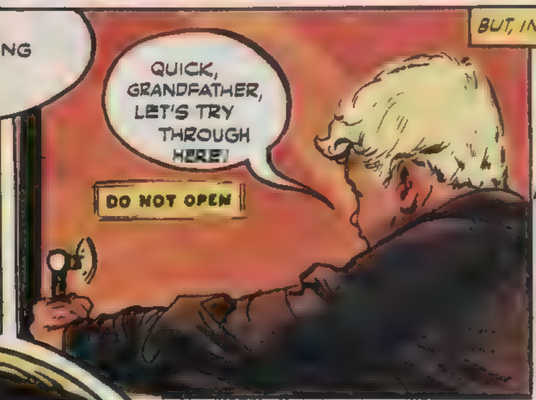
DR. WHO and his grandchildren are on the planet Trodos. They find that the place has been taken over by robots and the people of Trodos are forced to work for them in a dungeon. Dr. Who and the children have managed to escape only to find one of the dangerous robot Trods barring their way . .

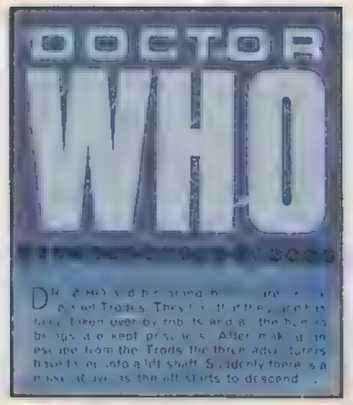








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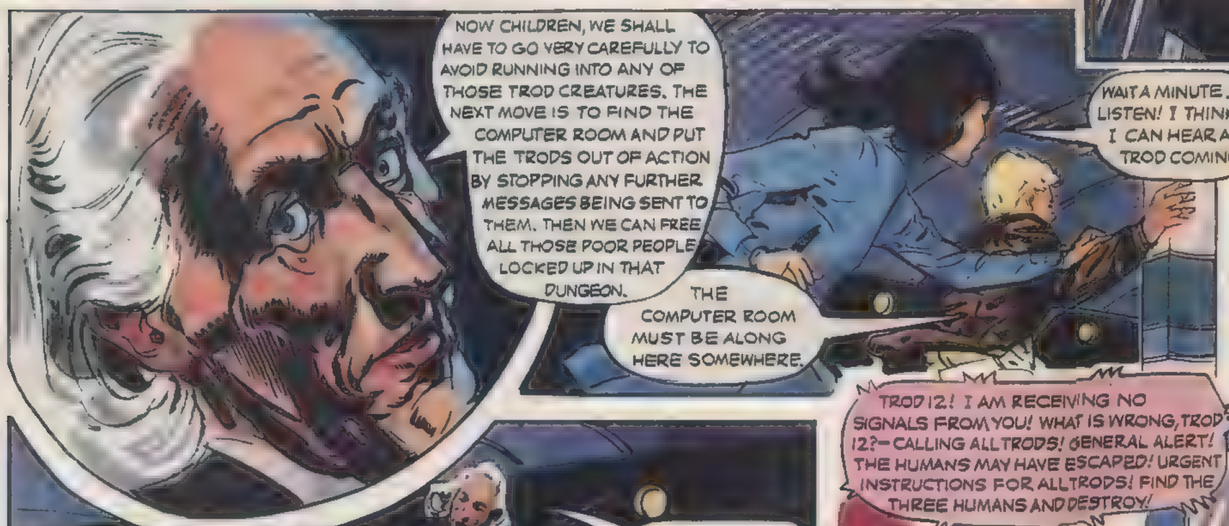
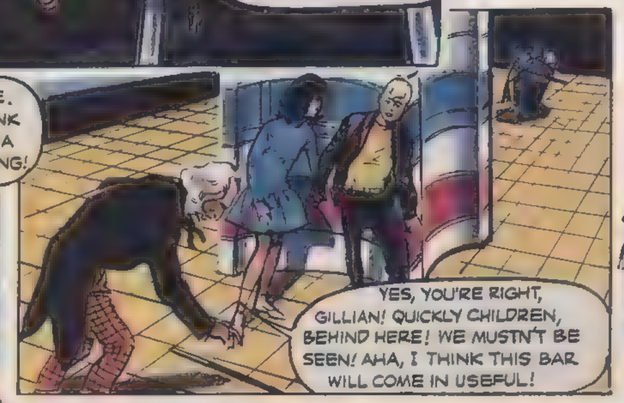
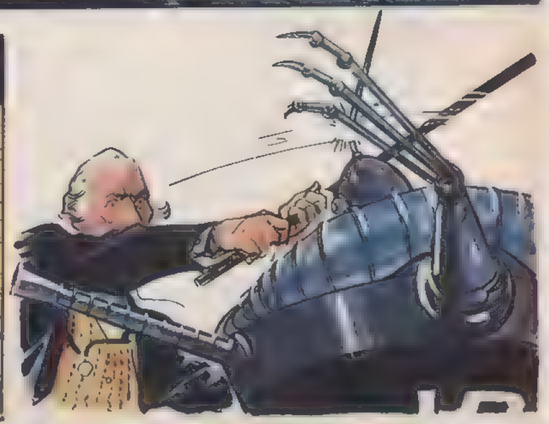
QUICKLY, CHILDREN! JUMP ON THOSE COUNTER-WEIGHTS BEFORE THEY GO UP! HURRY!

OO-ER! IT'S MOVING!
COME ON, GILLIAN! WE'VE GOT YOU, IT'S ALL RIGHT!

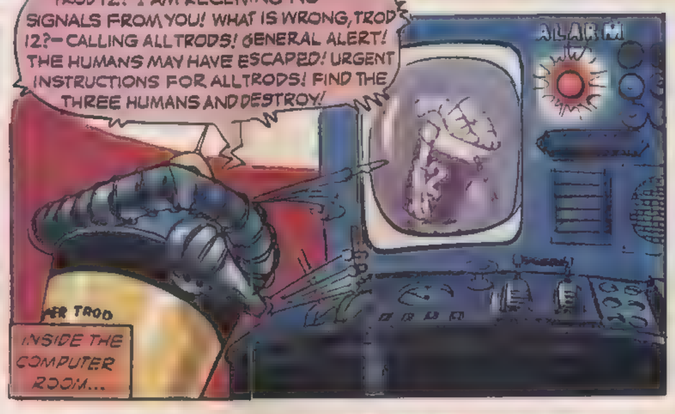
A FEW SECONDS LATER THEY REACH THE TOP...
THANK GOODNESS WE'VE GOT PAST THAT LIFT SAFELY!
WE CAN GET OUT THROUGH THAT DOOR!

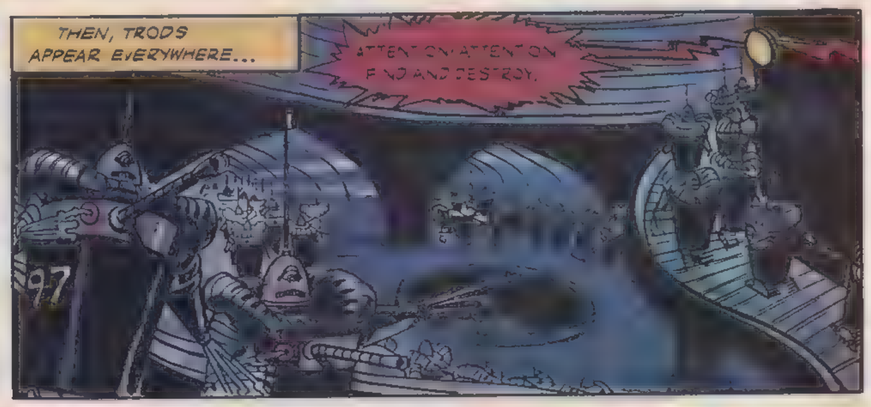

NOW CHILDREN, WE SHALL HAVE TO GO VERY CAREFULLY TO AVOID RUNNING INTO ANY OF THOSE TROD CREATURES. THE NEXT MOVE IS TO FIND THE COMPUTER ROOM AND PUT THE TRODS OUT OF ACTION BY STOPPING ANY FURTHER MESSAGES BEING SENT TO THEM. THEN WE CAN FREE ALL THOSE POOR PEOPLE LOCKED UP IN THAT DUNGEON.
THE COMPUTER ROOM MUST BE ALONG HERE SOMEWHERE.


WAIT A MINUTE. LISTEN! I THINK I CAN HEAR A TROD COMING!
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT, GILLIAN! QUICKLY CHILDREN, BEHIND HERE! WE MUSTN'T BE SEEN! AHA, I THINK THIS BAR WILL COME IN USEFUL!

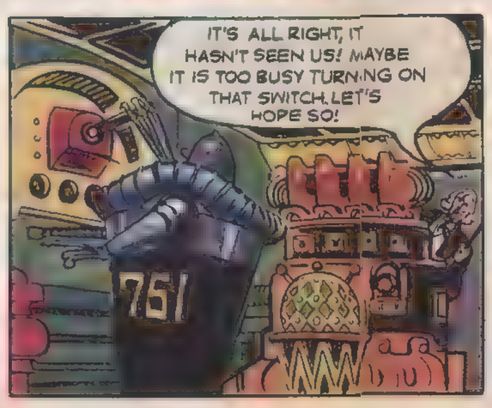


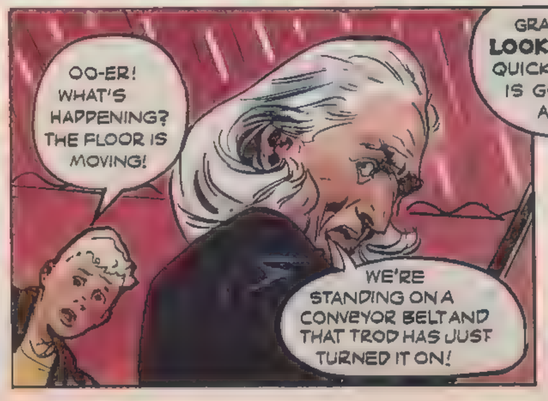
WELL, THAT'S ONE TROD OUT OF ACTION! THEY'RE NOT MUCH GOOD WITHOUT THEIR AERIALS YOU SEE!
BLEEP!
BLEEP!
JOLLY GOOD, GRANDFATHER! NOW LET'S GO AND PUT ALL THE OTHERS OUT OF ACTION.

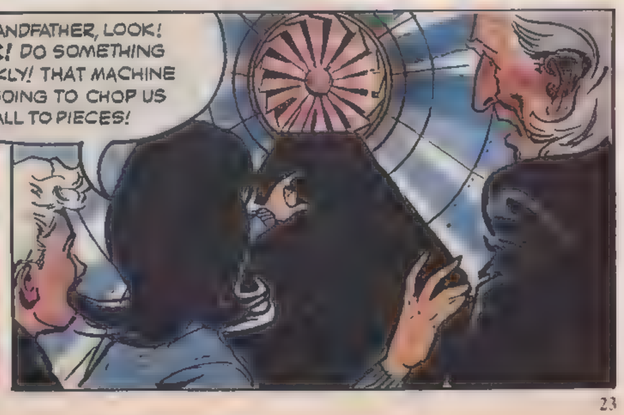

TROD 12! I AM RECEIVING NO SIGNALS FROM YOU! WHAT IS WRONG, TROD 12?—CALLING ALL TRODS! GENERAL ALERT! THE HUMANS MAY HAVE ESCAPED! URGENT INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL TRODS! FIND THE THREE HUMANS AND DESTROY!
ALARM
INSIDE THE COMPUTER ROOM...


THEN, TRODS APPEAR EVERYWHERE...
ATTENTION! ATTENTION! FIND AND DESTROY.

OH, GRANDFATHER, THERE'S ANOTHER OF THOSE TROD THINGS COMING!
QUICKLY! WE CAN HIDE BEHIND HERE!

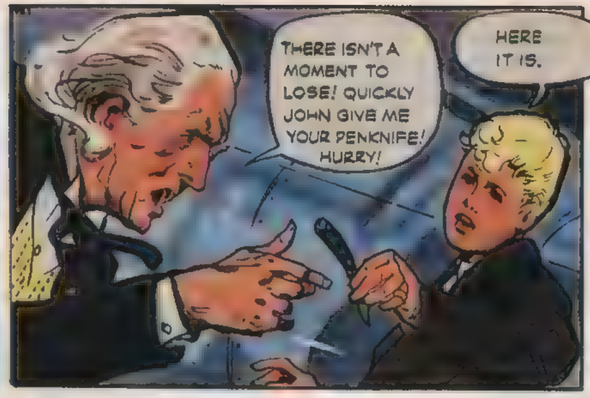

IT'S ALL RIGHT, IT HASN'T SEEN US! MAYBE IT IS TOO BUSY TURNING ON THAT SWITCH. LET'S HOPE SO!

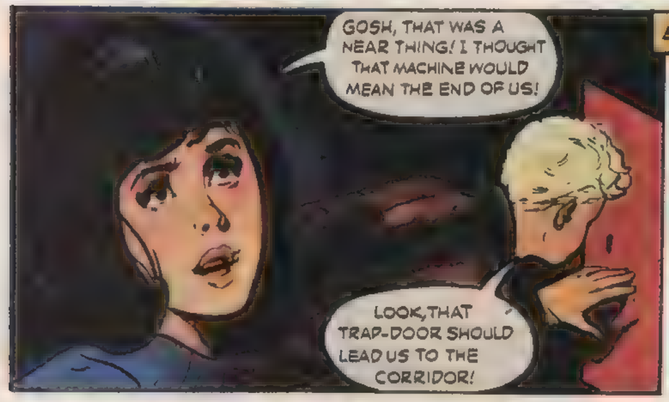

OO-ER! WHAT'S HAPPENING? THE FLOOR IS MOVING!
WE'RE STANDING ON A CONVEYOR BELT AND THAT TROD HAS JUST TURNED IT ON!

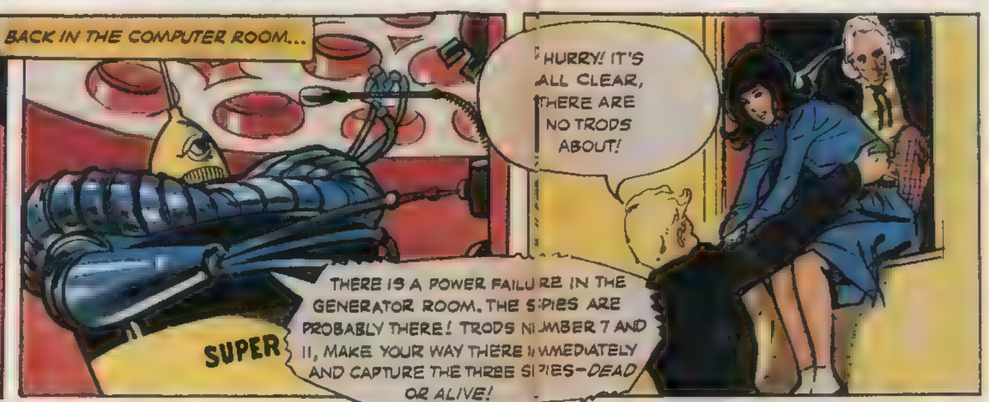

GRANDFATHER, LOOK! **LOOK!** DO SOMETHING QUICKLY! THAT MACHINE IS GOING TO CHOP US ALL TO PIECES!

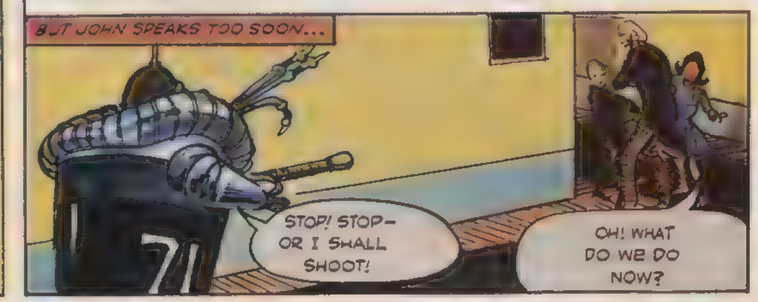
DOCTOR WHO

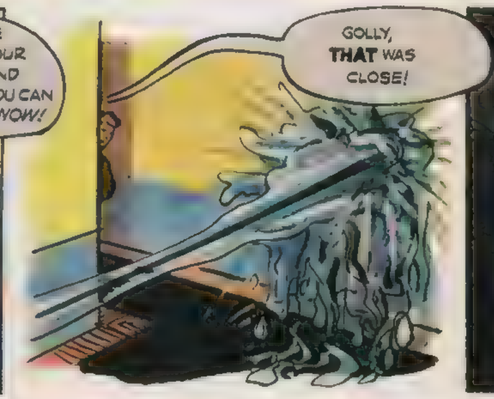
Dr. WHO and his grandchildren [illegible] the planet Trodos. They find that the place has been taken over by robots and all human beings are kept prisoners. After escaping from the clutches of the robot Trods, the three adventurers find themselves on a conveyor belt being carried into the whirling blades of a giant machine.

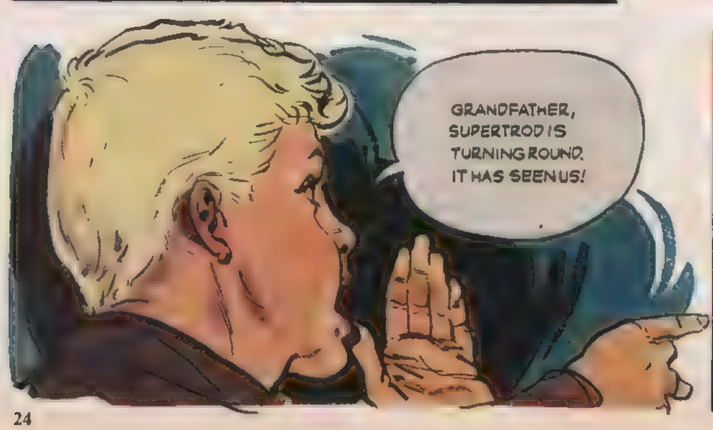












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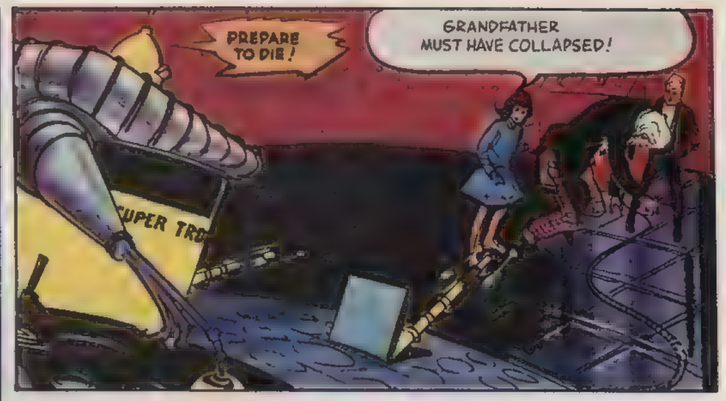
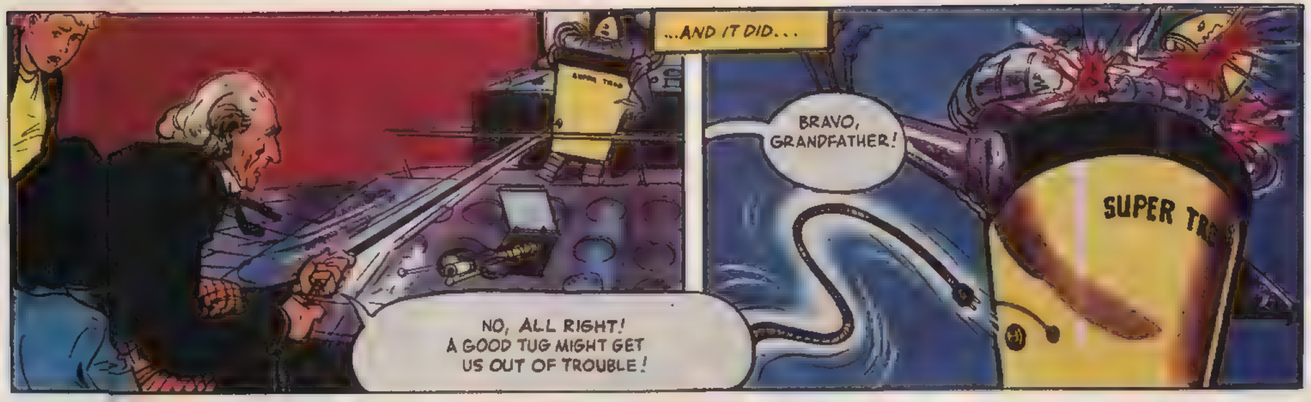
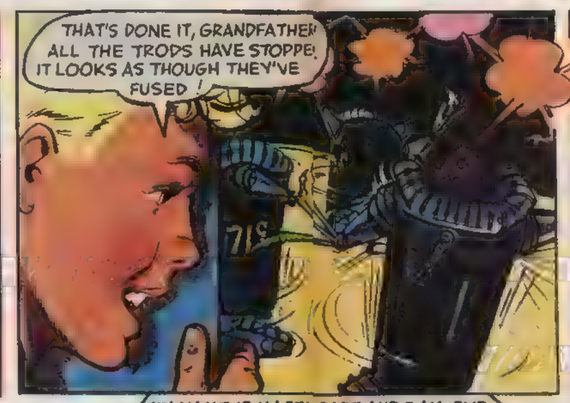
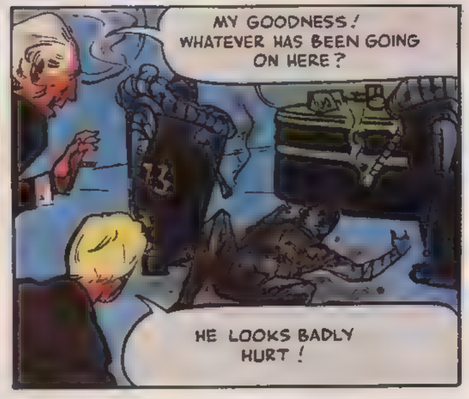
DOCTOR WHO

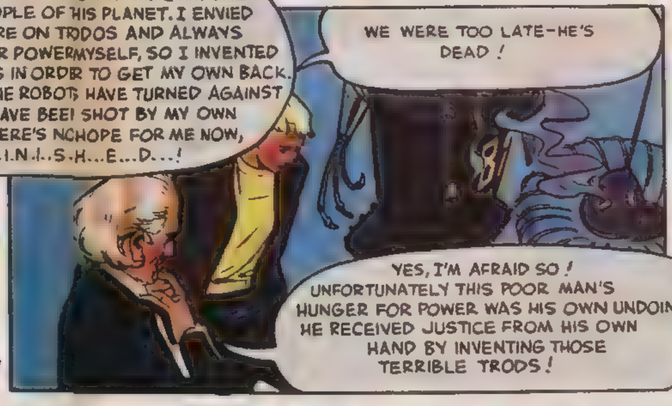
DR WHO and his grandchildren are on the planet Trodos. They find that the place has been taken over by robots and all human beings are kept prisoners. After trying to put the computer out of action, the three adventurers find themselves face to face with Supertrod, as the robot reaches out to fire the ray guns.

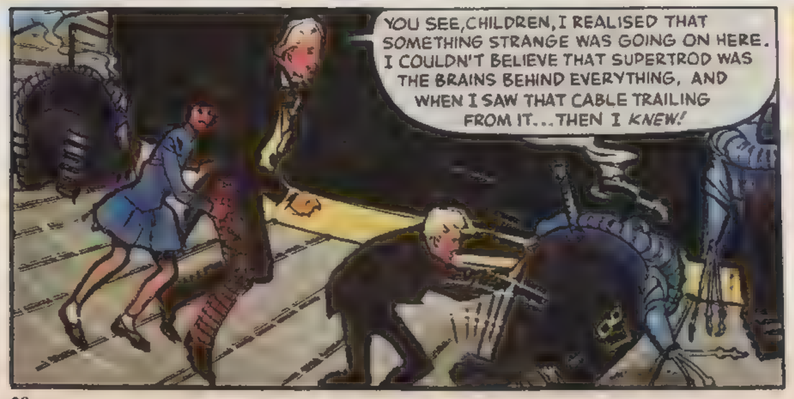


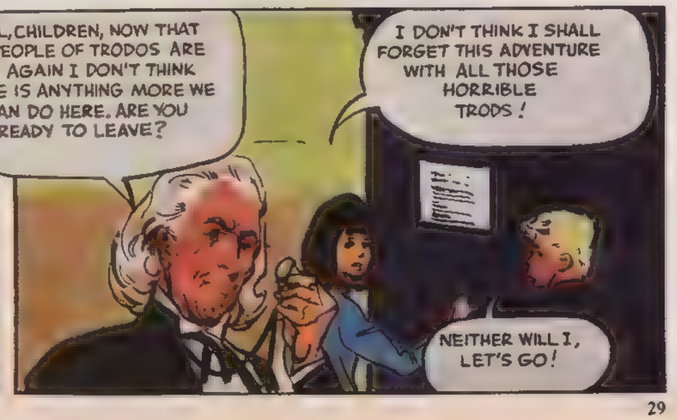






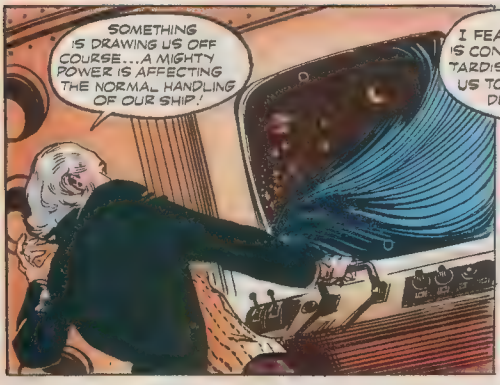


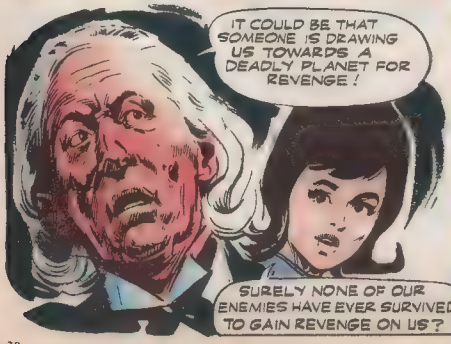


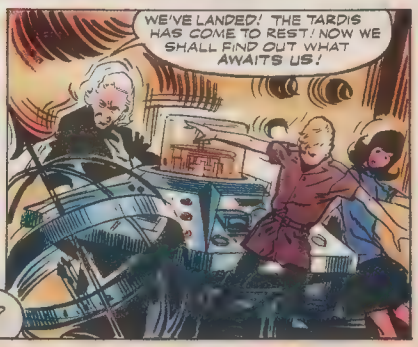


DOCTOR WHO

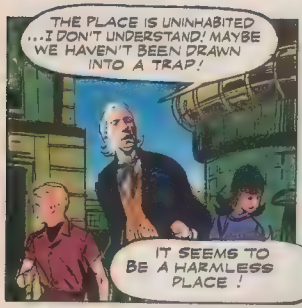
THE Tardis whirls through time and space, carrying Dr. Who and his grandchildren, John and Gillian, to another adventure . . .

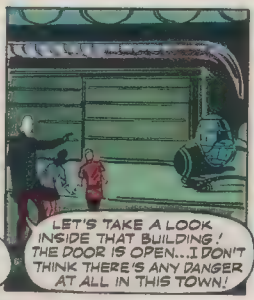


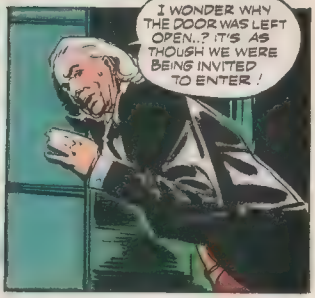


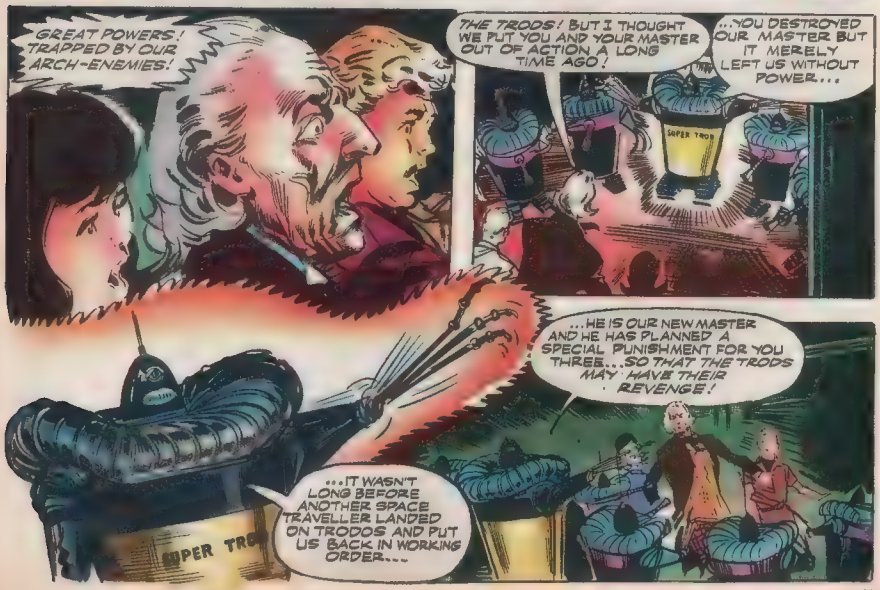


POLICE CALL BOX
IT'S SOME KIND OF SPACE CITY!


THE PLACE IS UNINHABITED ...I DON'T UNDERSTAND! MAYBE WE HAVEN'T BEEN DRAWN INTO A TRAP!
IT SEEMS TO BE A HARMLESS PLACE!

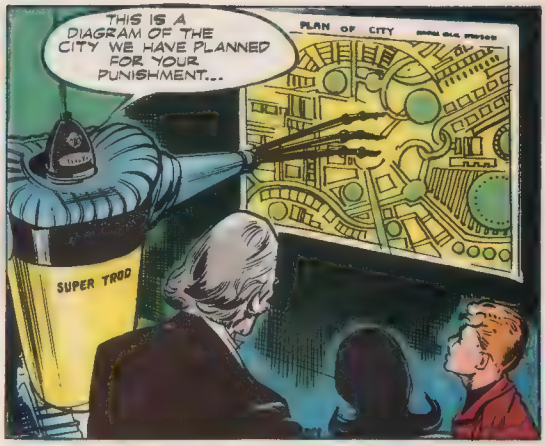

LET'S TAKE A LOOK INSIDE THAT BUILDING! THE DOOR IS OPEN...I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY DANGER AT ALL IN THIS TOWN!

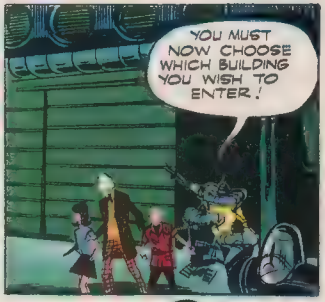

I WONDER WHY THE DOOR WAS LEFT OPEN...? IT'S AS THOUGH WE WERE BEING INVITED TO ENTER!

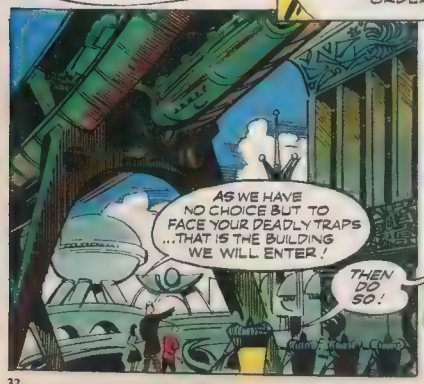

GREAT POWERS! TRAPPED BY OUR ARCH-ENEMIES!
THE TRODS! BUT I THOUGHT WE PUT YOU AND YOUR MASTER OUT OF ACTION A LONG TIME AGO!
...YOU DESTROYED OUR MASTER BUT IT MERELY LEFT US WITHOUT POWER...
SUPER TROD
...HE IS OUR NEW MASTER AND HE HAS PLANNED A SPECIAL PUNISHMENT FOR YOU THREE...SO THAT THE TRODS MAY HAVE THEIR REVENGE!
...IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE ANOTHER SPACE TRAVELLER LANDED ON TRODOS AND PUT US BACK IN WORKING ORDER...
UPER TRO

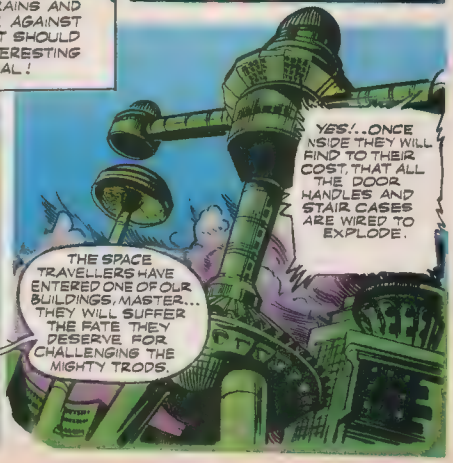
DOCTOR WHO

THE Tardis has been drawn into a sinister space city. The three space travellers investigate to find that the place is apparently uninhabited. However, when they enter a building they are confronted by their deadly enemies . . . the Trods! Super Trod informs Dr Who that a special punishment is in store for him and his grandchildren. .

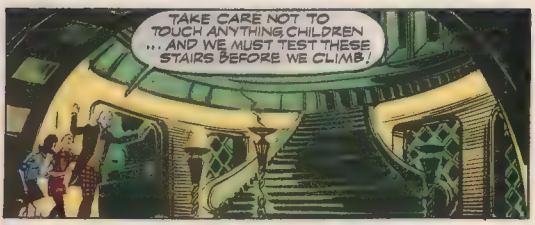


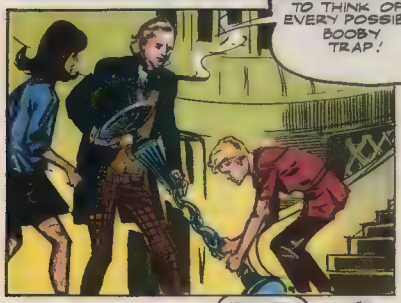


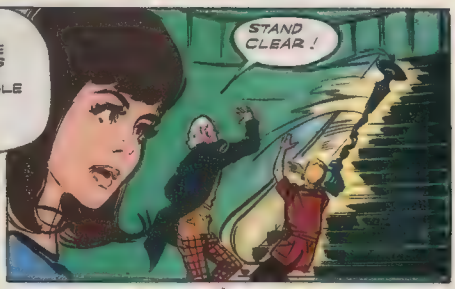




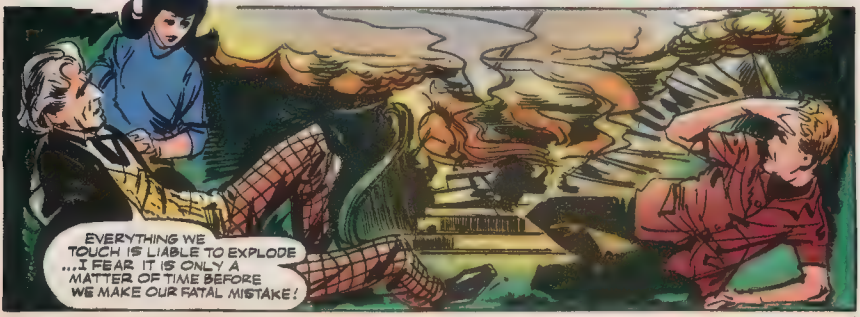
AS SOON AS AN EXPLOSION IS HEARD FROM INSIDE THE BUILDING, GO IN AND BRING THE BODIES OUT!


TAKE CARE NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING, CHILDREN ... AND WE MUST TEST THESE STAIRS BEFORE WE CLIMB!


OUR ONLY CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IS TO THINK OF EVERY POSSIBLE BOOBY TRAP!

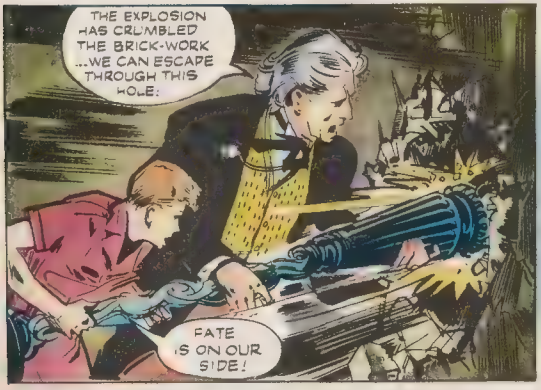

STAND CLEAR!

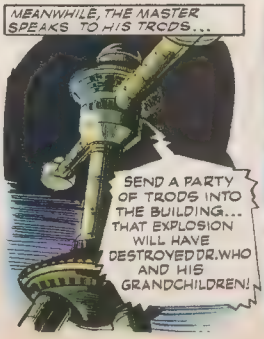
GREAT POWERS!
BOOM!


EVERYTHING WE TOUCH IS LIABLE TO EXPLODE ...I FEAR IT IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE MAKE OUR FATAL MISTAKE!

DOCTOR WHO

DR. WHO and his grandchildren have been forced to enter a booby-trapped building by Super Trod. Once inside, Dr. Who takes great care in testing everything before making a move. He succeeds in saving their lives, when he sets off an explosive laid in a staircase . . .

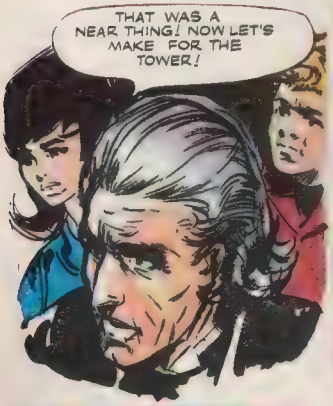


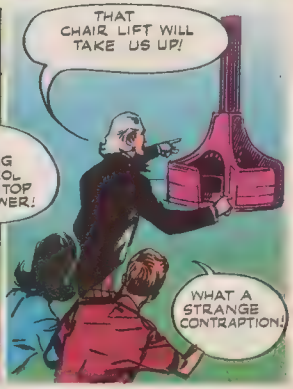


BUT THE SPACE TRAVELLERS ARE VERY MUCH ALIVE...
THE TRODS WILL SOON DISCOVER WE HAVE ESCAPED... WE MUST HIDE!
THE TRAVELLERS ARE LOOSE!
WARN THE PATROLS! EXTERMINATE THEM!
ALERT! ALERT! THE PRISONERS HAVE ESCAPED!
LISTEN! THE TRODS' NEW MASTER IS UP IN THAT TOWER...
...IF WE CAN GET CONTROL OF THE TOWER ... WE COULD DESTROY THE TRODS ONCE AND FOR ALL!
GET BACK! STAY QUIET!
WHAT IS IT?
A TROD PATROL IS COMING RIGHT AT US!
SEEK OUT THE PRISONERS, AND SHOOT ON SIGHT!
THEY CAN'T FAIL TO SEE US!

DOCTOR WHO

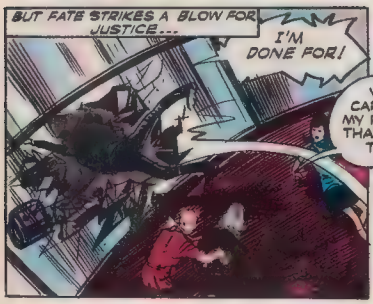
THE villainous Trods have forced Dr. Who and his grandchildren to enter a booby-trapped building. However, our heroes manage to blast their way out. They make their own way down a dark alley towards the Master's Tower, but a Trod patrol looms on the scene

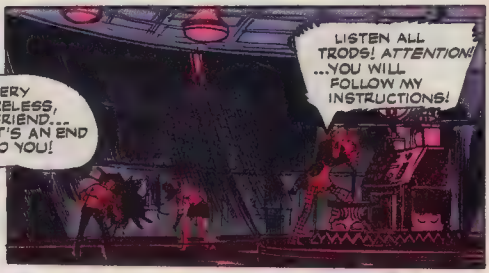




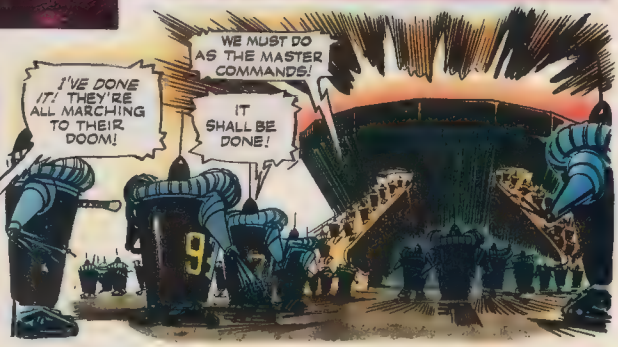
SO, WE MEET AT LAST!
YOU HAVE ESCAPED ME, DR. WHO!

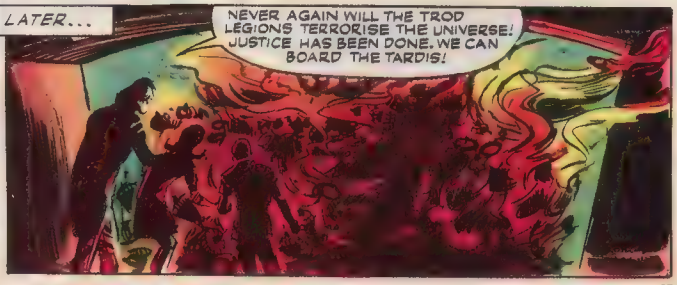
...SO NOW YOU MUST DIE!
LOOK OUT!


BUT FATE STRIKES A BLOW FOR JUSTICE...
I'M DONE FOR!
VERY CARELESS, MY FRIEND... THAT'S AN END TO YOU!


LISTEN ALL TRODS! ATTENTION! ...YOU WILL FOLLOW MY INSTRUCTIONS!

ALL TRODS MUST ENTER THE INFERNO BUILDING ...DO AS I COMMAND!


I'VE DONE IT! THEY'RE ALL MARCHING TO THEIR DOOM!
WE MUST DO AS THE MASTER COMMANDS!
IT SHALL BE DONE!


LATER...
NEVER AGAIN WILL THE TROD LEGIONS TERRORISE THE UNIVERSE! JUSTICE HAS BEEN DONE. WE CAN BOARD THE TARDIS!

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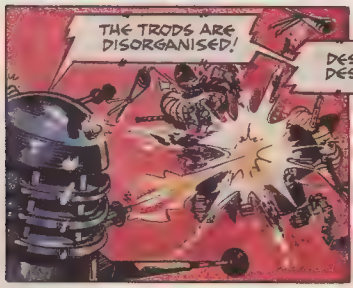
DOCTOR WHO and the DALEKS

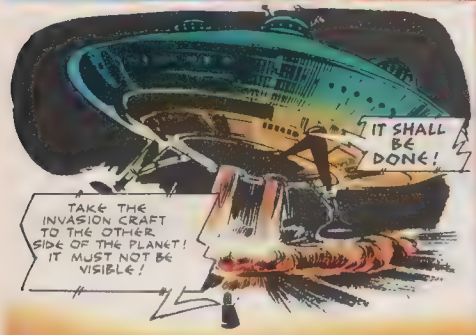
DR. WHO is on his way to Trodos to sign a peace treaty with the Trods. Word reaches the Daleks that this is about to happen and they descend on the Trods in full force . . .

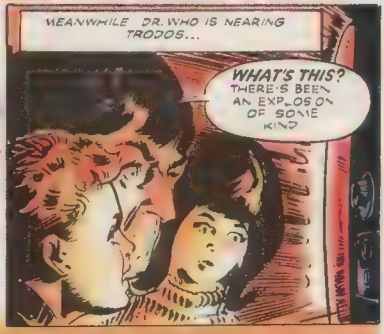
EXTERMINATE THEM...SHOW NO MERCY... NO SURVIVORS!

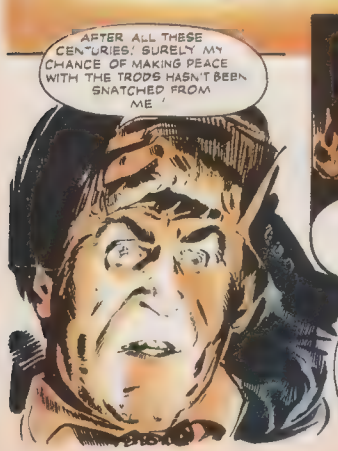


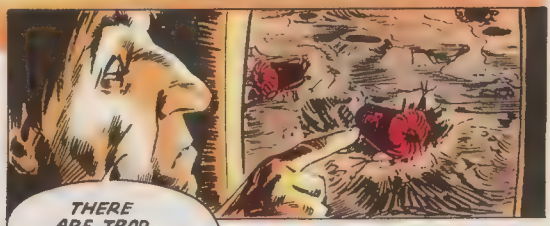
OUR ENEMY IS EXPECTED ANY TIME...WE MUST CONCEAL OURSELVES!
DALEK SUPREME IS ALL POWERFUL!

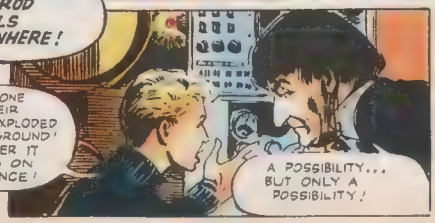
TAKE COVER! WAIT FOR MY COMMAND TO APPEAR!
WE O-B-E-Y!


IT SHALL BE DONE!
TAKE THE INVASION CRAFT TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PLANET! IT MUST NOT BE VISIBLE!


MEANWHILE DR. WHO IS NEARING TRODOS...
WHAT'S THIS? THERE'S BEEN AN EXPLOSION OF SOME KIND

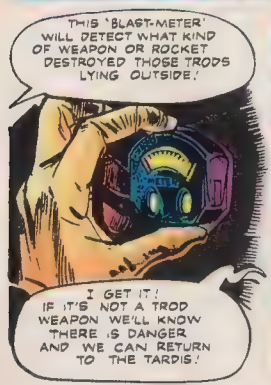

AFTER ALL THESE CENTURIES, SURELY MY CHANCE OF MAKING PEACE WITH THE TRODS HASN'T BEEN SNATCHED FROM ME!


THERE ARE TROD SHELLS EVERYWHERE!


MAYBE ONE OF THEIR ROCKETS EXPLODED ON THE GROUND! I REMEMBER IT HAPPENING ON EARTH ONCE!
A POSSIBILITY... BUT ONLY A POSSIBILITY!

SOMETHING'S WORRYING THE DOCTOR! HE ONLY PLAYS HIS RECORDER WHEN HE'S PUZZLING A PROBLEM!

I'VE DECIDED - TO INVESTIGATE! BUT WE'LL GO PREPARED...


THIS 'BLAST-METER' WILL DETECT WHAT KIND OF WEAPON OR ROCKET DESTROYED THOSE TRODS LYING OUTSIDE!
I GET IT! IF IT'S NOT A TROD WEAPON WE'LL KNOW THERE IS DANGER AND WE CAN RETURN TO THE TARDIS!

TREAD CAREFULLY! THE EXPLOSIONS HAVE WEAKENED THE GROUND... IT COULD CRUMBLE UNDERNEATH YOU!

THESE TRODS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED BY A VERY SPECIAL WEAPON...
WHAT?... WHAT WEAPON?

AN EXTERMINATOR! AND THAT MEANS ONE THING...
...DALEKS!
YOU ARE RIGHT! OUR DEADLY WORK DESTROYED THE TRODS, NOW IT WILL DESTROY YOU!

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THIS IS THE MOMENT ALL DALEKS HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR...TAKE CAREFUL AIM!

DOCTOR WHO and the DALEKS

Dr. Who and his grandchildren have arrived on Trodos to find that the Trods, with whom they had hoped to sign a peace treaty, have been crushed by the Daleks. Our three heroes now face extermination

IT'S THE END, CHILDREN! NOTHING CAN SAVE US NOW!

E-X-T-E-R-M-I-N-A-T-E THEM!

THE GROUND IS CRUMBLING! IT'S BEEN WEAKENED BY THE EXPLOSIONS!

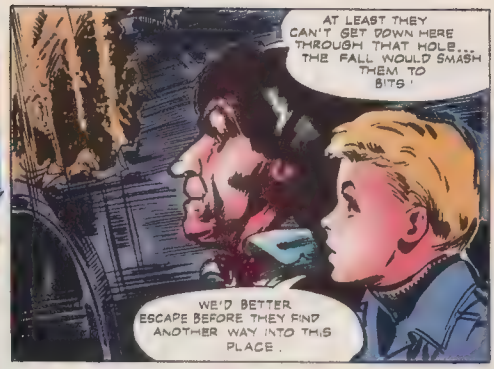
BLAST!

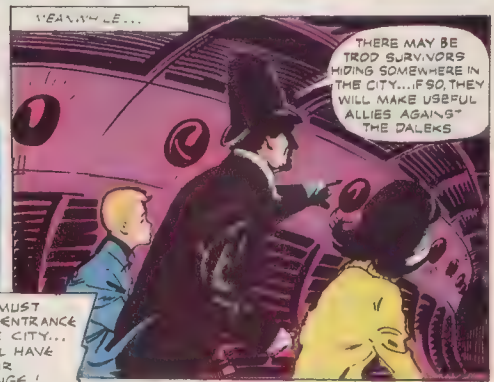
A SPLIT SECOND LATER AND THE EXTERMINATION RAYS WOULD HAVE TURNED US INTO CINDERS!

WE'VE LANDED IN AN UNDERGROUND CORRIDOR... IT PROBABLY LEADS INTO ONE OF THE TROD'S SUBTERRANEAN CITIES!

WHAT FANTASTIC LUCK!

KEEP DOWN! DALEKS!

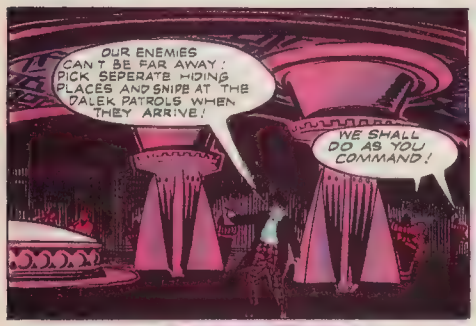

AT LEAST THEY CAN'T GET DOWN HERE THROUGH THAT HOLE... THE FALL WOULD SMASH THEM TO BITS!
WE'D BETTER ESCAPE BEFORE THEY FIND ANOTHER WAY INTO THIS PLACE.


MEANWHILE...
THERE MAY BE TROD SURVIVORS HIDING SOMEWHERE IN THE CITY...IF SO, THEY WILL MAKE USEFUL ALLIES AGAINST THE DALEKS

OUR ENEMIES ARE IN AN UNDERGROUND CITY... THEY MUST NOT ESCAPE US!
WE MUST FIND AN ENTRANCE TO THE CITY... WE SHALL HAVE OUR REVENGE!

TRODS!
HALT!

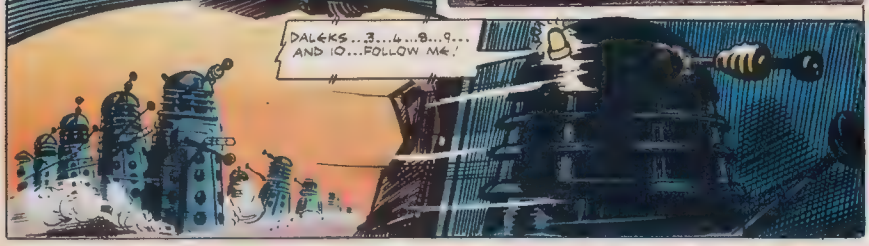
WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS... THE DALEKS ARE THE ENEMIES OF BOTH OF US.
YES! WE RECOGNISE YOU, DR. WHO. YOU ARE OUR FRIEND... THE DALEKS MUST BE STOPPED!

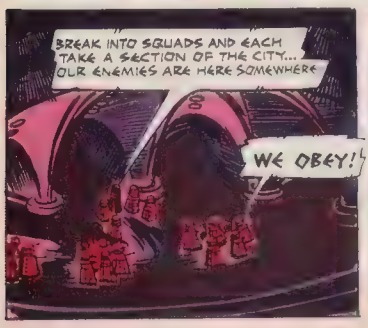

OUR ENEMIES CAN'T BE FAR AWAY: PICK SEPERATE HIDING PLACES AND SNIPE AT THE DALEK PATROLS WHEN THEY ARRIVE!
WE SHALL DO AS YOU COMMAND!

I'LL SCOUT BACK AND WARN YOU WHEN THE DALEKS APPROACH..!
GOOD!

IF WE CAN PICK THE DALEKS OFF IN SMALL NUMBERS WE MAY TEAR DOWN THEIR MAIN FORCE ENOUGH TO BREAK THROUGH TO THE TARDIS!

MEANWHILE...
WE HAVE FOUND AN ENTRANCE!
...FOWARD DALEKS!


DALEKS...3...4...8...9... AND 10...FOLLOW ME!


BREAK INTO SQUADS AND EACH TAKE A SECTION OF THE CITY... OUR ENEMIES ARE HERE SOMEWHERE
WE OBEY!

SHOW NO MERCY! SEARCH AND DESTROY!

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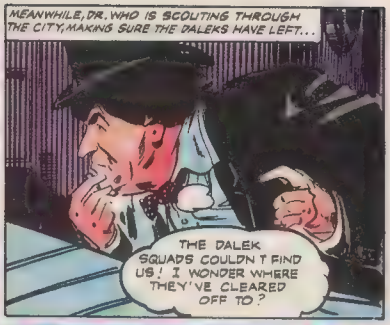
DOCTOR WHO and the DALEKS
Dr. Who, Gillian, John and four Trods are concealed in a large underground city beneath the surface of Trodos. The Daleks have formed squads and are involved in a systematic search for their enemies . . .
SQUADS ARE SEARCHING ALL PARTS OF THE CITY! OUR ENEMIES MUST BE FOUND!
NOTHING TO REPORT!
NO TRACE OF HUMANS!
OUR ENEMIES MUST BE WELL HIDDEN ...IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO CHANGE TACTICS!
ALL DALEKS WILL MOVE OUT BEYOND THE CITY LIMITS . . . DALEK 4 WILL THEN ENTER THE CITY...A-L-O-N-E!
OUR ENEMIES WILL TAKE THE BAIT AND DESTROY DALEK 4... DISCLOSING THEIR POSITION!

WHEN OUR ENEMIES REVEAL THEMSELVES AND ATTACK DALEK 4... WE WILL DESCEND ON THEM!
... AND D-E-S-T-R-O-Y THEM!


MEANWHILE, DR. WHO IS SCOUTING THROUGH THE CITY, MAKING SURE THE DALEKS HAVE LEFT...
THE DALEK SQUADS COULDN'T FIND US! I WONDER WHERE THEY'VE CLEARED OFF TO?

A SOLITARY DALEK... A FAIR FIGHT! I COULDN'T ASK FOR MORE!

PREPARE FOR A DUEL TO THE DEATH, FELLOW GLADIATOR!

I'VE COVERED ITS EYE ANTENNA... IT CAN'T SEE!

AM TOTALLY IMMOBILIZED... CANNOT SEE!
... AND NOW FOR THE KILL!

IF I CAN REACH THE INNER HEARING SYSTEM... THIS HIGH-PITCHED NOTE SHOULD SEND IT OUT OF CONTROL!
SPEEED!
SENSES O-B-L-I-T-E-R-A-T-E-D... REQUEST H-E-L-P!

BLIP!
BLRR!
HAVE SUSTAINED SERIOUS DAMAGE...REQUEST HELP!
HA! HA! WHAT A FUNNY WAY TO CARRY ON!...
WAIT THOUGH!
...HAVE I UNDERESTIMATED THE DALEKS? THEY NEVER TRAVEL ALONE... THIS ONE MUST BE BAIT!
BLIP!
BLIP!
DR. WHO YOU'RE AN IDIOT, A FOOL! ... YOU'VE PLAYED RIGHT INTO THE DALEK'S HANDS!...
..AS I THOUGHT!... A TRAP!
YOU HAVE COOPERATED AS WE HAD HOPED...YOU ARE A FOOL AND FOOLS MUST BE EXTERMINATED!
YES! EXTERMINATED!

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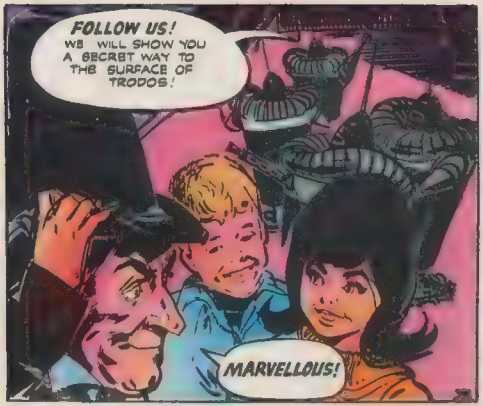
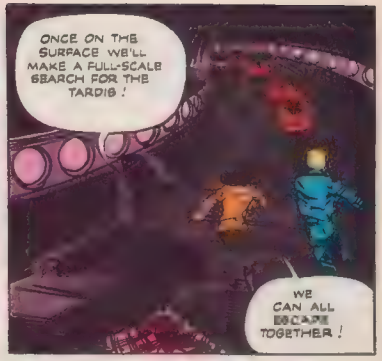
Dr. Who has left John and Gillian in the safe hands of friendly Trods, while he checks on what the Dalek battle squads are up to. He immobilizes a solitary Dalek, but then comes face to face with a firing squad
IT IS OUR HONOUR TO DESTROY YOU— TAKE AIM!
AT LEAST THE CHILDREN ARE SAFELY IN THE HANDS OF THE TRODS... I'M GLAD OF THAT!
FIRE!
WHY... I HAVEN'T BEEN TOUCHED!
IT'S YOU! I OWE YOU MY LIFE!
WE FOLLOWED YOU AND WERE ABLE TO DESTROY THE DALEKS BEFORE THEY DESTROYED YOU!

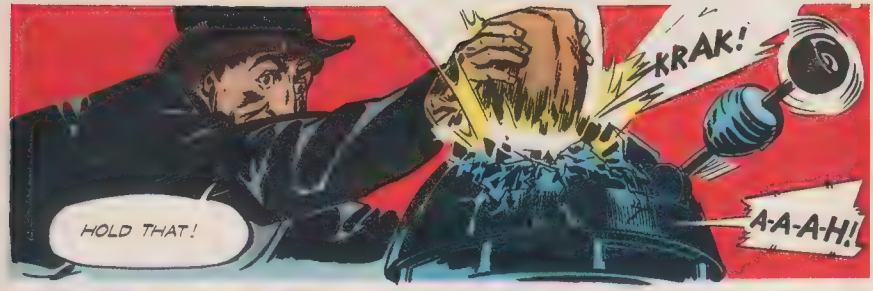

FOLLOW US! WE WILL SHOW YOU A SECRET WAY TO THE SURFACE OF TRODOS!
MARVELLOUS!

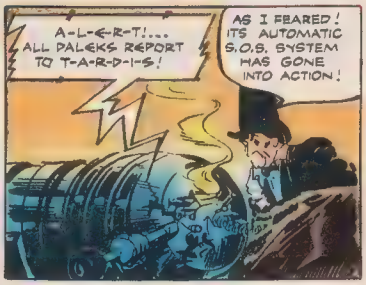

ONCE ON THE SURFACE WE'LL MAKE A FULL-SCALE SEARCH FOR THE TARDIS!
WE CAN ALL ESCAPE TOGETHER!

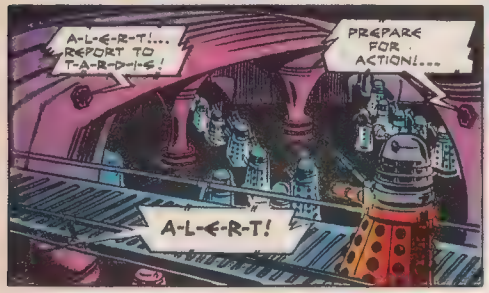
LATER, ON THE SURFACE OF TRODOS...
AT LAST... THE TARDIS! THERE'S ONLY ONE DALEK GUARDING IT!
I'M AFRAID OUR GUNS ARE USELESS NOW! OUR AMMUNITION TANKS ARE EMPTY!
LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL IMMOBILIZE THE DALEK...
GOOD LUCK!

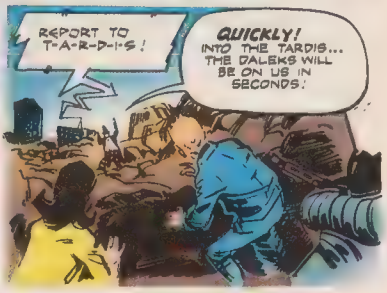
PREPARE FOR A NASTY SHOCK, MY HIDEOUS METAL FRIEND!

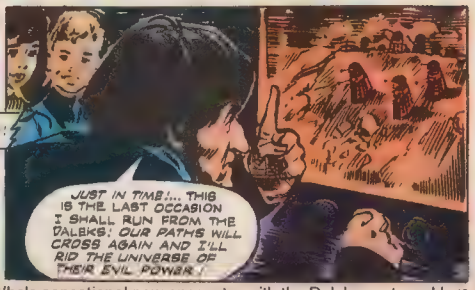
I'LL HAVE TO SMASH ITS CASE SO IT WILL NOT FUNCTION CORRECTLY!











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INSLI!

Thank you very much for your work in reprinting ye olde *Doctor Who* comic strips, especially for *The Daleks* which brings back memories of happy days gone by, when it was appearing weekly. However, I have a moan. Where are the first seventeen instalments of it? I know they appeared in DWM only just before DWCC started up, but even when DWCC No.1 appeared, over a third of then were not available in back numbers of DWM. I do not see how, as a periodical with the stated aim of reproducing 'every one of the *Doctor Who* strips produced in Britain', you can give them the go-by.

What I would suggest is that you put them into a special 'Dalek Special' issue, together with other Dalek material such as the Dalek vocabulary etc. from *The Dalek Pocketbook* (how many readers understood the Emperor, I wonder, when he said "Insli" in Part 2 of the Penta Ray story?), the 'Build Your Own Dalek' instructions from the *10th Anniversary Radio Times Special*, free 'Zeg for Emperor' badges, a competition with scarce Dalekinia as prizes, background information on the strip's history and so on. It almost writes itself, and who could resist buying it?

Andrew Smith,
Oxford

I just thought I'd write to let you know I think your magazine is great! Over the years of reading Doctor Who Magazine I've always looked forward to the comic strips, which are the first things I read, and now we have a magazine dedicated to this . I think the mix of Doctors is good and I especially like the *Countdown* strips featuring the Third Doctor.

My favourite strip is *The Daleks* from *TV Century 21*, but what has happened to the first seventeen instalments? You seem to have missed out the beginning of the strip, including the origins of the Daleks and the battle to decide who would be Emperor. Surely this isn't because the ideas are different from those in the later stories of *Doctor Who*, like *Genesis of The Daleks*?

John Burns,
Tunstall,
Sunderland

Right, first things first. We've had a number of queries about the first seventeen instalments of The Daleks *strip. I'm afraid the bad news for those who missed them is that they're going to have to track down back issues of DWM as we have no plans to reprint them in DWCC. After much head-scratching and deliberating we decided it would be unfair to reprint something that many readers would only recently have bought. Sorry!*

The other suggestions were excellent (with the possible exception of the 'Zeg for Emperor' badges!) but unfortunately we're largely restricted by the material we have the rights to reprint. However, we will continue expanding on the strips we're reprinting (more on that later) and the coverage of their origins. . .

DELL DALEKS

As a fan of the *Doctor Who* films, I was wondering if DWCC has plans to reprint the *Dr. Who and the Daleks* adaptation from *Movie Classics* which appeared in 1966.

Morgan Miller,
New York,
USA

The American adaptation of the first Doctor Who *feature film was published by Dell Comics and remained fairly faithful to the story, often using photographic reference of the actors themselves. The strip will be appearing complete in all its original multi-coloured glory in Issue 9.*

POTATO HEADS

Congratulations on the new magazine: I'm sure it will continue for many years to come. The strips themselves, although not always up to today's standards of writing are fascinating to read.

The posters given away with each issue are OK, but how about using some of the cover artwork as posters, rather than photographs all the time? I'd much rather have the excellent cover to Issue 5 (featuring the Fourth Doctor and Sarah Jane) on my wall as a poster, than a close up photo of a potato head Sontaran!

Tom Spilsbury,
Lawrence Weston,
Bristol

Good news for Classic Comics cover cronies – we're planning to produce posters of the artwork shortly, but in the meantime the cover art from Issues 2, 3, 4, and 5 will appearing on a special set of commemorative Thirtieth Anniversary mugs from Alpha Marketing, which will be hitting the shops around the time you read this.

Although I am not too worried about whether or not you decide to reprint old *Doctor Who* Annual comic strips (since they are generally of poor quality, with some of the Tom Baker stories being virtually unintelligible) there is the prospect of the wealth of material from the Marvel Comics archives. In fact, there is so much material that it hardly seems you'll ever run out!

Neil Hunter,
Vicars Cross,
Chester

I don't know about *The Prisoner* being a Vogan (DWCC Issue 4), but in *Timebenders* (DWCC Issue 1) the German chap is the spitting image of Colin Gordon, who played No.2 in *The Prisoner* episodes *A,B & C* and *The General*.

Richard Parker,
Heaton,
Bolton

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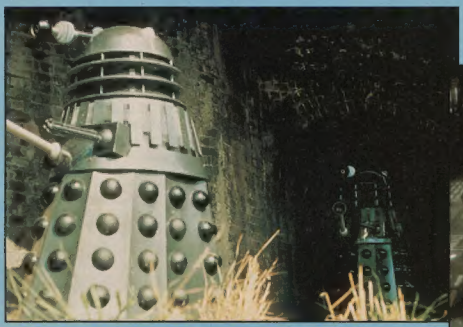

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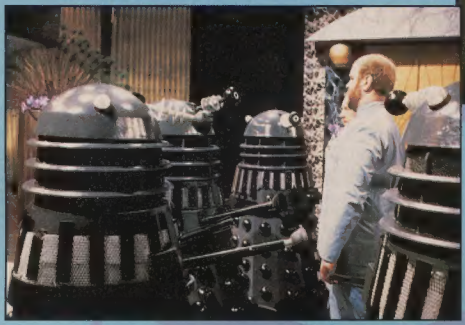

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